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SATELLITES LAUNCHED BY INDIA
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of space satellites launched by India during the last three years and the current year alongwith their present status;

(b) the details of funds incurred by the Government in this regard during the said period;and

(c) the details of information collected from these satellites alongwith the benefits accrued as a result thereof?

Answer

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(a) & (b) During the last three years 2005-2008 and in the current year 2008-09 up to October 2008,India has launched 10 satellites viz., Cartosat-1,Cartosat-2,Cartosat-2A,Indian Mini Satellite IMS-1,INSAT-4A,INSAT-4B, INSAT-4CR,HAMSAT,SRE-1 and the recently Chandrayaan-1.All the satellites are functioning satisfactorily.SRE-1 has completed the Mission objectives and has been recovered from orbit. The expenditure incurred on these satellites during the said period is Rs. 1286 crores.During the said period, India has also launched 10 foreign satellites under a commercial agreement with M/s. Antrix Corporation Limited.

(c) The Remote Sensing satellites viz., Cartosat-1,Cartosat-2,Cartosat-2A and IMS-1 have collected information related to natural resources of the country which has benefited the natural resource management,urban area planning and development, rural development and Disaster Management Support.The INSAT-4A,4B,4CR has augmented the communication infrastructure of the country benefiting the Tele-education,Tele-medicine,DTH transmission,rural communication and emergency communication applications.SRE-1 is a technology demonstration satellite.The projected benefits of the recently launched Chandrayaan-1 include scientific understanding of the Moon,upgradation of the technological base in the country and to enthuse the younger generation in space science and planetary research.